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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants are submitting herewith a Preliminary Amendment. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the amendments prior to considering the application.

THE AMENDMENT

In the Specification

Page 1, line 2, before "The present invention" insert - This application is a National Stage of International Application PCT/EP99/07755, filed October 14, 1999; which claims the priority of EP 98119409.5, filed October 14, 1998. --

In the Claims

1. (Amended) A parvovirus vector having parvovirus DNA excisable from the vector DNA in a parvovirus-permissive cell, wherein the parvovirus DNA has a [lft] left terminus which comprises a parvovirus minimal origin of replication.
2. (Amended) The [arvovirus] parvovirus vector according to claim 1, [characterized in that the right] wherein the left terminus of the parvovirus DNA comprises internal replication sequences.